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## 117th MAINE LEGISLATURE

## **SECOND REGULAR SESSION-1996**

Legislative Document

No. 1703

S.P. 651

In Senate, January 11, 1996

An Act to Confirm That Nonprofit Health Care Providers May Achieve Cost Savings on Professional and General Liability Coverage.

(AFTER DEADLINE)

Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 27. Reference to the Committee on Banking and Insurance suggested and ordered printed.

MAY M. ROSS

Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President BUTLAND of Cumberland. Cosponsored by Representative: GWADOSKY of Fairfield.

### Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 24-A MRSA §6099, sub-§3, as enacted by PL 1993, c.
313, §39, is amended to read:

3. Prohibition on retention of risk. A purchasing group purchase insurance providing for a deductible self-insured retention applicable to the group as a whole. That coverage also may provide for a deductible or self-insured retention applicable to individual members. A purchasing group may pool its members' funds for the purpose of meeting the obligations to provide a deductible or self-insured retention applicable to the group as a whole and its individual members. Such a pooling arrangement is not considered insurance for the purposes of this Title.

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#### STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill clarifies that purchasing groups may pool deductible or retention amounts applicable to the group as a whole and its individual members, without the pooling arrangement being considered "insurance" for the purposes of the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 24-A.